

## Wishing All Our Readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**Wishing Everyone a Very Merry Christmas Time  
And a Happy and Prosperous New Year**

Also may we take this opportunity to thank our many friends for their kind patronage during the past year, and that we may be able to serve them further is our hope.

**Peterson's Garage**

### Yuletide Greetings

from

**Maguire's Service Station**

R. W. Maguire, Prop.

We wish to thank our patrons for  
past patronage and hope for a continuation in  
the New Year

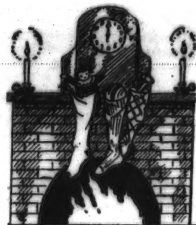
**WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND HOPE THAT YOU MAY HAVE A  
BRIGHT AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

A good assortment of Ice Cream bricks on hand  
for Christmas and New Year functions

### CLUB CAFE

Jas. Pond, prop.

### Season's Greetings



*Wishing One and All*

*A Merry Christmas*

*and a*

*Happy and Prosperous*

*New Year*

Thanking you for your patronage of the past year  
we would kindly solicit your business for 1940

Very sincerely yours,

**Seth L. Oldham**

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### CHURCH NOTICES AND ACTIVITIES

**UNITED CHURCH**  
Services for Sunday, December 24,  
are as follows:  
Albert—Public worship 11:30 a.m.  
Alma Mater—Public worship 3 p.m.  
Irma—Sunday school 11 a.m.  
Public worship 7:30 p.m.  
The Christmas subject will be "The  
first Christmas service," and at the  
evening service there will be special  
music by the choir.  
Mid-week service for Bible study and  
prayer every Wednesday evening at  
7:30.  
A hearty welcome is extended to  
all.

**Anglican Church Notes**  
**ST. MARY'S (Anglican) CHURCH**  
There will be celebration of Holy  
Communion in St. Mary's Church on  
Christmas eve, December 24th, at 2:30  
p.m.

The annual meeting of St. Mary's  
W.A. was held at the home of Mrs.  
E. A. Peterson when Mrs. Jones re-  
signed from the presidency. Mrs.  
Thurston was elected president. Mrs.  
Peterson, vice-pres.; Mrs. T. Sanders,  
sec.-treas.; Mrs. Wilbraham, Dorcas  
secretary; Mrs. Onton, social service  
sec.; Mrs. E. A. Peterson, sick com-  
mittee. Mrs. T. Sanders was appointed  
delegate for W.A. convention in  
Edmonton in March. A dainty lunch  
was served at the close of the meet-  
ing. The W.A. would like to thank  
all their friends who so kindly sup-  
ported them during the past year.

**SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**J. B. Stiles, Pastor**  
Christmas service December 25th at  
11 a.m., both languages.  
Watch night service December 31  
by Luther League, 8:30 to 12:00.

**MIDNIGHT MASS AT IRMA**  
The Midnight Mass will be held  
this year in St. Theresa's Church,  
Irma. This special Christmas Mass  
at midnight (Sunday midnight this  
year) is said in many Catholic churches  
the world over, and as the weather  
is so far to the westward we have  
had in this district for this time of  
year a good congregation is looked for.  
In Irma this Christmas service is open  
to the public and anyone wishing to  
attend will be most welcome.

### IRMA LEGION SIGNAL CORPS

The weekly meeting of the corps  
held at the Legion hall December 19,  
wound up the 1939 season with lots  
accomplished. Each and every sig-  
naller is to be congratulated on his  
work. The receiving set made by them  
was tested and Cadet H. Eford  
brought in a Mexico City station.  
The raffle took place, the first prize  
going to our genial mayor, James A.  
Hedley. The Christmas spirit again  
favored our corps officials when the  
second ticket drawn was none other  
than that of Rev. R. D. Snares, head  
of the Battle River municipality. The  
corps wishes to thank all who donated  
to the funds.

The next term will commence with  
the first meeting of the new year on  
Tuesday evening, January 9th, 1940.  
As we have had several applications to  
join the corps any new recruits are  
asked to be on hand at this meeting.

### L. T. L. Activities.

The December birthday meeting be-  
ing on the last Friday of the month  
as usual, will occur on the 29th, inst.  
All members are hereby notified. The  
program will be a combination of the  
ordinary birthday affair and warmly  
tinged with Christmas matter.

The past month has been an active  
one. The November birthday affair  
was particularly felicitous. Member-  
ship has increased 50 per cent. A few  
days were busily engaged in Christ-  
mas candles arrangements, and we are  
well on our way for a good new year.

The annual meeting of the Rose-  
bery and Alma Mater Ladies Aid will  
be held Thursday afternoon, January  
11 at the home of Mrs. Ben Oldham.  
The devotionals will be taken by Mrs.  
George Yonker. Mrs. Wm. Steele and  
Mrs. Wm. Anderson are the assisting  
hostesses. As this is the election of  
officers all members are urged to  
make a special effort to attend, and  
friends are always welcome.

### Popular Kinsella Couple Married

CORBETT—ARKINSTALL

(Edmonton Journal)

At a quiet wedding at Knox United  
Church manse last Thursday, Ada  
Patricia, youngest daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. Charles F. Arkinstall of  
Kinsella, became the bride of John  
Lambden Corbett, only son of Mr. and  
Mrs. David C. Corbett of Kinsella. The  
ceremony was performed by Rev. Geo.  
A. Macdonald.

The bride wore an informal frock in  
fuchsia shades, with short fur jacket  
and black accessories. She wore a  
corsage bouquet of sweetheart roses.

Miss Belle Arkinstall, sister of the  
bride, was bridesmaid.

The best man was Mr. Charles Ar-  
kinstall, brother of the bride.

A small reception for the immediate  
friends followed at the home of Mr.  
and Mrs. R. F. Arkinstall.

### Interesting Items From Kinsella

Mrs. C. Turnbull and Mildred are  
spending a few days in Edmonton.

Mr. J. Kapler spent the week-end  
in Edmonton.

Mr. Ivan Foster and Mr. Whitcomb  
of Czar were visitors at the Fisher  
home the past week.

A wedding of interest to the Kin-  
sella district was held in Edmonton  
on December 14 when Miss Ada Ar-  
kinstall was united in marriage to Mr.  
J. Corbett.

Mrs. Nease and Michael were in  
Edmonton on Saturday where Michael  
underwent a medical examination.

Mr. George Foster is spending the  
Christmas holidays in the Czar dis-  
trict.

A dance will be held in the hall af-  
ter the Kinsella Christmas concert  
on Friday, December 22.

The annual meeting of the Kinsella  
Ladies Aid was held at the home of  
Mrs. G. Lee last Thursday.

Christmas service in the Kinsella  
United Church Sunday morning, Dec.  
24th. Special music by the choir.

### BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 26th, PROCLAIMED PUBLIC HOLIDAY

When business ends on Saturday  
night, December 23rd, there will be 3  
solid days devoted to Christmas af-  
fairs, namely Sunday, Monday and  
Tuesday.

Tuesday, of course, is Boxing Day  
and is more or less of a public holiday  
anyway. But the provincial government  
has cinched the matter by proclaim-  
ing December 26th as a public holi-  
day and asking citizens to observe the  
same.

### NOTICE

The Irma Village Council have pass-  
ed a curfew by-law to take effect on  
January 1st, 1940.

Curfew will be sounded by two short  
siren blasts at 9 o'clock each and  
every night, after which children  
must not loiter about town. Parents  
and guardians are asked to call at  
the village office and acquaint them-  
selves with the provisions of the by-  
law.

E. W. CARTER  
Secretary-Treasurer.

### SEASON'S GREETINGS

We take this opportu-  
nity to thank you for your  
patronage and extend  
our Best Wishes for a  
Merry Christmas and a  
Happy and Prosperous  
New Year.

**V. HUTCHINSON**

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES FOR A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We also wish to thank one and all for their  
patronage and hope to merit your goodwill  
in the future

**A. E. FOXWELL**

### Season's Greetings

This is the time when we reflect upon the  
good things of the past year, and among  
them there is none finer than the friendly  
connection made and maintained with you.

May you have all the joys of a Cheery  
Christmas Season, and may the New Year  
bring you joy, health, happiness and pros-  
perity in full measure.



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WE WISH TO DO THE SAME.  
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Best Wishes For  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a  
HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

**IRMA LUMBER CO.**  
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WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE  
DURING THE PAST YEAR AND HOPE  
I MAY BE ABLE TO SERVE YOU IN 1940

**W. N. Frickelton**

THIS LITTLE SPACE IN OUR  
HOME PAPER CONVEYS FOR  
US TO EACH MEMBER OF  
EVERY HOME AND FOR EV-  
ERY ONE THAT READS IT  
OUR BEST WISHES AND  
THAT THE FUTURE BEARS  
SOME MEASURE OF PROS-  
PERITY FOR EACH AND ALL

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## Life In London

Exhibit Of Drawings Made By British School Children

Visitors to the National Gallery of Canada saw life in London as it appears to youthful eyes at an exhibition of paintings by British school children.

The 140 paintings—colored drawings to be more accurate—by boys and girls of London from five to 15 years, will be shown at Ottawa and then exhibited in cities across Canada.

The enthusiastic response across the Dominion last year to pictures by Canadian boys and girls led H. A. McCurry, acting director of the National Gallery, to arrange the present exhibition when in England a few months ago.

These pictures are no cramped copybook imitations. They depict what the youngsters saw or imagined in Old London town and then set down on generous sheets of paper. Some children even chose wrapping paper.

Most are familiar subjects such as "the Oxford and Cambridge boat races", "the Royal Family", "Old ladies sitting by the window" or "house drawings of father and mother" or other familiar portraits with an unconscious and not intentionally unkind sense of caricature.

Too, there are market and street scenes, complete with shoppers and buses; impressions of Mickey Mouse; a battle between cowboys and Indians; and Jewish refugees sitting in a railway station.

There are patterns so fascinating they were purchased by London merchants in preference to the deliberately devised creations of professional designers.

As a whole the display has the same fresh attractiveness as last year's exhibition by Canadian children under 15 and, while the London collection appears neither as free nor as vivid as the Canadian group it is just as sincere.

There is a definite similarity of treatment, despite different environment. In some of the English children's work there is that kindred touch that marked "Expulsion from the Garden of Eden" by a 15-year-old Canadian who showed Adam and Eve in red bathing trunks, eating apples, and riding out of the garden on an elephant preceded by an ostrich, while a well-fed snake hissed a jubilant farewell from its spot in the grass.

The children are not necessarily artists but in their own way they express themselves pictorially, and with unmistakable clarity in approach. While much of the drawing is out of perspective from the standpoint of photography and mathematics, the observer can realize in most of the work what the child was trying to get at.

The work is such that after a close scrutiny of "Grandmother" the observer turns away feeling that should "Grandmother" stroll up Parliament Hill sometime soon, she would easily be recognized.

## A Deserted City

Inhabitants Of Strasbourg Left Capital When War Was Declared

The Paris correspondent of The Argonaut, says on the banks of the Rhine Strasbourg, the Alsatian capital, is a deserted city. On the 2nd of September, its 200,000 inhabitants walked out in the space of a few hours, leaving their houses, shops and goods behind them. Its windows are still curtained away, its balconies flowered. Its stores display their wares. A few domestic animals roam the streets in quest of food. A patrol passes now and then—there is little need of it, house-breaking gets a life sentence of hard labor. In a state of suspended animation, Strasbourg awaits the day of resurrection. The French radio has had the good idea of broadcasting, by people on the spot, the actual state of the evacuated cities, the order that reigns, the care that is being taken to protect them. In refuge, hundreds of miles away, the Alsatians listen with avidity to the well-known names and the peaceful descriptions of all that to them is dear and familiar.

## Poland Still On Map

Although Austria and Czechoslovakia have been rubbed off European maps, commercial map makers in the United States are standing firm on Poland. The familiar pink area used to designate the former Republic of Poland will remain unchanged until the war in Europe is over, according to William Tauch, representative of a large map-making concern.

Germany has 340 people to the square mile, or fewer than Great Britain, Netherlands or Belgium.

In France, bicycles have the right-of-way over automobiles.

## The Ideal Salesman

By Short Talk Convicted Kipling He Needed Life Insurance

Charles R. Roth, in Canadian Business, tells this story: Rudyard Kipling, greatest writer of his century, was not a man to admire salesmen or salesmanship. He thought salesmen tiresome because they talk so endlessly.

Only one salesman remained in Kipling's memory as the ideal toward which all salesmen should strive; a Yankee insurance agent he met when he lived in Vermont with his American bride.

In his last book, "Something About Myself", Kipling tells this story:

One day he was sitting on the porch of his cottage when a thin, lantern-jawed Yankee drove up behind a little black Morgan horse.

"Kiplin, ain't ye?" he asked.

"Yes."

"Write, don't ye?"

"Yes."

There was a long pause.

"That bein' so, you've got to live to please folks, ain't ye?"

"That bein' so, you've got to please to live, I reckon?"

To this Kipling agreed.

"Puttin' it that way," continued the salesman, "we'll 'low that by an' by ye can't please. Sickens, accident, any darn thing. Then what's liable to happen to ye, both of ye?"

He began fumbling in his pocket. He brought out a paper and said, "Now that's where life insurance comes in."

Kipling bought.

That, he admits in his book, was marvelous salesmanship. No wasted word from the customer. Absolute conviction.

## Pilots From The West

Training They Have Received In Commercial Flying Is Invaluable

The Sarnia Canadian Observer says: A young Canadian flyer who came from Alberta recently to train at Trenton, Ont., for war service, offers reasons why the Canadian West ought to provide exceptionally competent commercial flying. The young man who commented on this topic was Russell Bannock, aged 21, who goes to Trenton for advanced training with the R.C.A.F. But long before he ever thought about being in war service, Bannock was familiar with airplanes. Flying first as a passenger and then as a pilot. The commercial flying in the West has given the youth of that area an opportunity to become air-minded.

It is possibly of considerable advantage to the youth of the West, who are so commercial flying, that they showed the enterprise they did in developing their services for pioneer enterprise. It was taking a long chance when airplanes were first used to transport mining machinery to otherwise inaccessible locations in the Far North or to carry out fish, furs and whatever other merchandise or passengers the wilderness had to offer. In that service many young men were trained and they became amazingly expert and resourceful. It was no rare experience to start out in dazzling sunshine and then encounter a blinding snowstorm. The worst weather that Europe can produce is not likely to prove a surprise to Canadian aviators from the West. They have encountered as bad or worse in the work at which they had been making a living long before Adolf Hitler started the current trouble.

## Watch Your Emotions

Russian Psychologist Believes They Can Cause Organic Diseases

While all physicians know that mental or emotional factors can make people feel ill, few of them are willing to admit that mental or nervous impulses can produce organic disease.

Experiments by the Russian psychologist, Rosokor, have shown that stimulation of the cortex of the brain produces certain chemical substances—hormones—in the body, and that these are capable of producing the same effects as the stimulation of the brain itself. What can these experiments imply other than that an emotional or mental state may produce chemical changes in the blood, which can produce organic changes? The lesson that these observations suggest is to attempt a vigorous control of your emotions.—Los Angeles Examiner.

The temperature on the planet Mercury is not enough to melt lead and tin.

Approximately 21,500,000 American homes are equipped with radio, according to statistics.

Peacock feathers are considered unlucky.

## TRAINING YOUNG SEA-DOGS FOR BRITAIN



This scene at one of Britain's naval dockyards shows a class of boys studying torpedoes on a Torpedo School Ship.

Guard Document	British Expenditure	Experiment in Humanity
Copy Of Magna Charta Is To Be Kept Under Guard At Washington	Hard To Grasp Gigantic Sum Needed During War Time	Believe Illness And Death Caused By Destructive Thinking
The Marquess of Lathom prepared to take the Magna Charta to the library of the United States congress to deposit the priceless paper there for the duration of the war.	British Ministry of Supply Burghin told the ministers of the Dominions in London that Britain's purchases of supplies alone are averaging \$8,000,000 a day.	A five-months-old baby began a strange experiment at the hands of the Royal Fraternity of Master Metaphysicians to prove their leader said, "that immortality can be actually achieved not as a ghost or spirit."
Archibald MacLachlan, librarian, immediately announced the document would have the same 24-hour armed guard as that given the United States Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, near which it will be displayed.	That works out at \$240,000,000 a month; at \$2,880,000,000 a year.	In this experiment the child never will hear death or disease spoken of and her diet and training will be rigidly controlled to demonstrate, James B. Schafer, leader of the fellowship explained, "that man is an immortal being."
These three important documents of democracy are being brought together for the first time.	Also, of course, there are the vast expenditures on the Royal Air Force for planes and equipment, the bills for the Royal Navy and the British Expeditionary Force, the cost of defence at home.	The baby's parents, poverty-stricken, asked that Schafer adopt the child. Adoption proceedings now are under way, Schafer said.
Lord Lathom, British ambassador to the United States, arranged informal ceremonies for transfer of the Magna Charta.	The whole thing is staggering, yet Britain is not complaining. Taxing her people even shillings in the pound, adding heavy surtaxes as well, imposing heavy levies on foodstuffs and luxuries and taking the bulk of profits on war orders, she is determined to go through with this war and will go through with it.—Ottawa Journal.	Jean—her last name was not disclosed—is being cared for by a private nurse in the former room of Consuela Vanderbilt in the 110-room one-time Vanderbilt mansion on Long Island, New York, which was obtained by the fraternity in January, 1938. It is now known as Peace Haven.
This Magna Charta is one of four all the same in being executed at Runnymede in 1215. The document, drawn up by English barons, limited the powers of the king.	Two of the other Magna Chartas are in the British museum and the third is in Salisbury (England) cathedral. The one which the library of congress is getting came from Lincoln cathedral. It was in the British pavilion at the New York world's fair during the summer.	Schafer and his fellow-followers believe illness and death are caused by destructive thinking. Jean will be raised as a vegetarian—like the metaphysicians.

## Fish And Chips

Lack Of Simple Article Leads To A Crisis

News of the serious fish and chips situation in Great Britain came in a letter from a man who lives in the country and has consequently become host "for the duration" (at least he thought it was to be for the duration) to a number of mothers and their children, evacuees from one of England's large cities. In this particular case the fish and chips problem developed immediately. Two of the mothers demanded to know the whereabouts of the nearest place they could purchase fish and chips. On being told it was two miles away they declared that they certainly had no intention of putting up with such inconvenience.

The next day they gathered their rather numerous children about them and returned to the city from which they had been evacuated.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

In Peru, jobs in the police force are handed down from father to son.

Steel hard enough to cut glass is produced in a new kind of furnace.

## Added To Exhibit

Dominions' Premiers Will Be Seen In Famous War-Work Collection

The distinction of being included in Madame Tussaud's famous wax-work collection has come to Prime Minister Mackenzie King. Work was started on a figure of the Canadian Prime Minister. It was regretted that mailing delays prevented a sample of the Prime Minister's hair being obtained. Waxworks figures of the Dominions' premiers, in morning dress, and of the chiefs of the fighting forces will face the figures of the Royal family and the British Cabinet in Tussaud's Grand Hall.

## Great Aid To Pilots

A new device which automatically checks the functioning of all instruments and vital parts of the plane, thus saving the pilot great fatigue, is now being installed on the newer planes.

Ninety-five per cent. of all the bathtubs in the world are owned by Americans.

Nitrogen "boils" at 385 degrees below zero and oxygen at 361 degrees below zero.

## HIS MAJESTY VISITS ROYAL ORDNANCE FACTORY



King George VI. recently visited one of the several Royal Ordnance Factories now engaged in accelerated war-time production and saw several thousand workers engaged in the mass production of anti-aircraft guns and mountings. In this picture His Majesty is showing keen interest in the truing up of the barrel of a gun.

## Canada's Airmen

Endowed By Nature And Environment For Their Difficult Task

No one conversant with the brilliant exploits of Canadians in the Royal Air Force during the Great War will be surprised to learn that one thousand adventurous and patriotic young men from this country are already participating in flight over Germany and in the air defenses of Great Britain in the present conflict. That they were in deadly earnest is proved by the circumstance that nearly all of them paid their own passages to Britain upon the outbreak of the war or before hostilities commenced. They were anxious to be on the enemy's tail.

These fearless and thoroughly trained young fliers are worthy successors of Canadian aces who won renown in the Great War, the Bishops and Barkers and Browns who met and defeated the most celebrated fliers Germany had in the air. It will be recalled by the older generation that Canada contributed in large measure to the Royal Air Force in the critical days of 1914-18 when more than 8,000 Canadians held commissions in the British flying forces, constituting approximately one-third. The glorious military achievements of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, which met and outfought ten times their number of the enemy's seasoned troops, were equalled only by the astounding feats of individual Canadian airmen.

Young Canadians, it seems, are especially endowed by nature and environment for the difficult feats airmen are required to perform. Their life in the wide open spaces, on the lakes, rivers and mountains, under conditions which call for initiative, has bred them for fast-moving action in the skies. The epic battles in which Canadian fliers covered themselves with glory are familiar to young and old.

## Farm Appreciation

Life On The Farm Should Be Made Attractive To Every Possible Man

Hon. P. M. Dewar, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, endorsed the teaching of appreciation of farm life in an address to the 38th annual convention of the Central Ontario area of Women's Institutes at Toronto.

"I am glad to note that the central theme of your program continues to be of an educational nature," Mr. Dewar said. "I can think of no loftier objective than that of turning up a rural people, healthy in body and mind, and of instilling in them a fitting perspective and appreciation of country life. "In order that such an objective may be attained, it is necessary to make life on the farm attractive in every possible manner. Conditions about the farm home must not only be attractive, but farming must also be remunerative. And security on our farms will come only when the rural folk are qualified to fight their own battles and when they have effectively impressed upon people in other occupations the importance of prosperity for the farmer."

## Wanted To Enlist

New Zealander Makes Perilous Journey To London To Join Air Force

His sail-boat foundered, he drifted two days on a raft, he was washed ashore on a South Sea Island—but, undaunted, he came half way round the world from New Zealand and joined the Royal Air Force.

One of hundreds of youths inspired by the romance of aviation who have arrived in London after long and sometimes perilous journeys, the young New Zealander sailed with a lone companion.

Their sailboat was wrecked in a sudden tropical storm. They managed to knock together a raft, which tossed them about for two days before crashing ashore on another island. There they were fed and housed by natives who lent them a home-made boat to continue their journey when the sea subsided.

After days of sailing and paddling, the pair were picked up by a freighter and then transferred to a liner bound for England. Now one of them is training to become a Royal Air Force pilot.

## An Awkward Condition

Blackouts are leading to awkward conditions in England. A jeweller complains that his insurance policy provides that he shall keep a light burning all night, and the ARP fines him ten shillings for complying. At that rate it won't take long to eat up the insurance.

Wood alcohol acts on the blood vessels and causes hemorrhages. It often destroys the tiny arteries of the retina of the eye, causing blindness.





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## The World of Wheat

H. G. L. Strange

"When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall, one by one, an unspilt sacrifice in a contemptible struggle."

So with unceasing vision predicted the great English statesman Edmund Burke 180 years ago; and today Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania all have fallen one by one, sacrifices to great aggressors. And now another powerful dictator state cruelly and relentlessly is attacking peaceful, honest and gallant little Finland. All express sympathy—only a few protest—and none give military help.

Time was when the great democratic nations of the world would have associated together against the combination of bad men, and would have defended instantly a little fellow-democracy against unwarranted and unprovoked aggression. Time was, too, when the virile red blood in the veins of the peoples of the democratic countries would have boiled over with indignation, and immediate action would have been demanded of their governments.

But times seem to have changed, and now it is the ideological banner of the great aggressor which is red.

"Everywhere, it would seem that Canadian citizens are beginning their patriotism, like their charity, at home and are setting about in the most determined fashion to assure that no sick or suffering person, man, woman or child, and no underprivileged group will be left less served by the Canadian civilian agencies because the nation is at war."—Miss Charlotte Whitton.

"It was a free decision of free people after free debate in a free assembly that brought a united Canada into the war."—Leonard W. Brockington, K.C.

"Guard your tongue and your thinking if you would be a good war-time citizen of Canada."—Miss Winnifred Kyd.

"Canada's position as a granary of the empire remains solid and she is no longer a nation of one great dominating industry but has risen to world importance in at least three great branches of production, namely agriculture, mining and manufacturing."—F. J. Horning.

## Viking Items.

Attending to the popularity and esteem with which Miss Gladys Rehnus, a bride of late December, is held in this community and district, several showers have been held for her during the past week, each one being a very happy event indeed. These have been held at the home of Mrs. W. J. Dillane; at the home of Mrs. F. A. Miller together with Mrs. Broughton; the United Church choir at the home of Mrs. H. B. Collier; members of the Novelty table of the L. A. bazaar at the home of Mrs. Haworth; and joint hostesses Mrs. Rollins and Mrs. A. Ross at the home of Mrs. Ross. At each event the bride-to-be was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts, accompanied by appropriate verses and good wishes.

Two highly respected and well-known pioneer settlers of this district, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hoskins, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on January 1st, 1940, at their home on Second avenue west. There will be a family reunion, after which the newlyweds of fifty years will be "at home" to their bride-to-be on January 1st.

The school children of Lakeview municipality have again won first prize in the provincial pests contest for the second year in succession.

The first prize of \$75 has been distributed to the various schools for the benefit of the children who cleaned up on 20,000 gophers, crows and magpies during April, May and June of this year.

This is the second year in succession that the Lakeview children have won first prize. During the past two years over 13,000 gophers and 20,000 crows and magpie eggs have been destroyed. These energetic children are doing a great service to the community.

Word has been received of the death of C. L. Wittmann in Edmonton at the age of 90 years. He is survived by his son, A. C. Wittmann, formerly of Viking, two daughters in Portland, Oregon, several grand children and one great grand child.

Curriers are advised to give in their names to Secretary Stafford so that curling can get under way. It is hoped that ice may be available the week between Christmas and New Year's. Invitations to the open bonspiel commencing January 9th have gone out to neighboring towns. All curlers should support the midnight frolic sponsored by the curling club December 31st. The club needs all the support possible under these adverse weather conditions for curling activities. The executive has had everything in readiness since November 1st.

The caretakers of the skating and curling rinks are working hard to have ice for the Christmas holidays. They have made some headway this week during the wee sma's hours of the morning when the temperature went down a bit. There is no curling in the province as yet due to the extreme mild weather which still continues.

Make plans to attend the New Year's eve midnight frolic at Viking sponsored by the Viking Curling Club. Say goodbye to the old year and hello to the new.

A heavy rain this morning (Wed.) made the sidewalks and highways very slippery and dangerous for traffic. Old-timers tell us that the mild weather so far this winter is a record.

A social evening in aid of the Red Cross will be held at Mooreville school on Friday evening, January 12. Silver collection, ladies bring lunch. Everybody welcome.

Pte. Oscar Langen was among the first Canadian contingent landed in England this week. Censorship regulations prohibit the publishing of the movements of other troops.

The Creamery office has been a busy place the past week issuing the cash bonus to patrons. Another busy place in the postoffice.

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## Christmas Messages

## THE PEACE OF GOD IS THE ONLY PEACE

This year finds the world in the grim play of war as we prepare to celebrate the feast of the Christ Child. The armies of Britain and France stand watching from the massive fortifications of the Maginot line for the incursions of the German army across the devastated area of the border country. The unnumbered thousands of Stalin's Red army have hurried their might against the small forces of Finland and died in waves before the merciless fire of the Finns. Since last Christmas the whole of Czechoslovakia has been swallowed up by the Nazis and her citizens subjected to cruel reprisals because of their efforts to assert some sense of freedom. Poland again lies bleeding, crushed by Nazi might and the cowardly invasion of the Russians. China and Japan still struggle in a death grip. The Balkans fear invasion and the whole world re-echoes to the tramp of soldiery. Hundreds of thousands of tons of shipping lie on the ocean's bottom, sunk by mine, or torpedo, or shell fire. The intelligence and ingenuity of man is now directed not towards man's betterment, but toward his destruction.

It is indeed a sad picture—one truly which if our faith be not strong, would lead us to doubt the mercy and justice of God. But before we doubt, let us ask ourselves what is responsible for the conditions of the world today. Too often we hear that religion has failed and attribute to that failure the ills that beset us. But is this correct? Do we blame the physician, if having failed to follow his advice, we do not recover? Do we blame the guide if, refusing his direction, we become hopelessly lost? The world today has followed its own course, irrespective of the teaching of God or of religion. Where God has asked us to love one another, the world has shown only hatred, where He has taught charity the world has fostered greed. Although the world proclaims itself Christian, the virtues of Christianity have been cast aside and men stoop to actions which would make a savage blush.

Why, therefore, should we blame religion for the world's state? We condemn individuals for their failure to follow proper advice. Why should we condemn God and religion if the world, having refused to heed the advice of God, wanders in a maze and finally plunges into mad rapine and pillage. Religion teaches us that when men forget God they become blind and wander in circles, not seeing or knowing the bright guiding light of faith. When, therefore, the leaders of nations forget God, they too become blind and lead their peoples into an inextricable morass. Year after year we see the soothing influence of religion usurped by the proud doctrines of nationality and racial excellence. These doctrines have in turn robbed nations of all gentleness and every principle of fair play, and have given rise to practices which in their ruthlessness, surpass even the barbarity of pagan pride.

'Such is the state of the world today. It is true that religion is no longer felt, but the reason for this lies in the fact that man has blinded himself to religion, and, walking blindly on, must fail to solve his ills. He must fail today as the Greeks and Romans of old who, filled with pride, of race and a sense of their own excellence, were scattered by the vengeful hordes and their might destroyed. He must fail because he has built his house on sandy soil and failed to secure it by the aid of God's doctrines. Only when man admits this failure, and in all simplicity, turns again to God, can we look for a solution of national and world ills.

Soon will we be asked to come to the crib of Bethlehem and to gaze on the Gentle Christ. Dear friends, I would ask you to turn your minds towards this God who, though He surpasses our mightiest concept in His power, humbled Himself to become our Saviour. Ask Him to ease the burdens which weigh us all down, and to touch the hearts of the tyrants who have made them. Let us pray that soon again we may be able to gather together and sing hymns of peace to the God of Peace in a world secure in peace.

Rev. R. J. O'Neill,

Emmanuel

"And they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Matt. 1:23.

"God with us"—That is what gives us Christmas. There was no Christmas before Christ came. His pres-

ence made Christmas for the shepherds of Judea's plains, for the Wise Men, and for all others who came to worship the baby Jesus. He was their Emmanuel.

It is well for us to consider the significance of this name. The many names by which Jesus Christ is known in the scriptures all have meaning for us.

St. John in telling of the Incarnation says "The Word became Flesh and dwelt amongst us"—that is but another way of expressing that Jesus is our Emmanuel. The full significance of this truth we are unable to grasp with our finite minds. And yet we can readily notice many of the changes brought about by the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. Even our reckoning of time reminds us that Jesus came to earth for do we not even say that this year is 1939 in the year of Our Lord.

"God with us" does not pertain only to the past. If we are to celebrate the Saviour's birth we need the Christ of Christmas—we need to realize that He still is our Emmanuel. "Lo, I am with you always even to the end of the world" is His promise to His followers before He left them with His visible presence.

As we celebrate Christmas this year may we remember that Jesus Christ, would also be our Emmanuel. May the thought of His presence cause us to plan our Christmas celebrations in harmony with that thought.

Rev. J. B. Stolee,  
Viking Lutheran Church

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## World of Sport

By H. H. G.

Sports experts of the United States to the number of 63 voted the other day on the outstanding woman athlete of 1939. When the tally was made, 54 said Alice Marble. Now Alice is pleased as can be, because she handles a tennis racket expertly, both at home and over in Europe. She won her matches so consistently that the selection as best woman athlete will prove popular.

At Edmonton last week Jean Williamson made a rather unique record by scoring five points in one play in a basketball game between the Grads and the "Boys" their practice opponents. She was fouled when going in for a close shot, but dropped the ball through the hoop. On being awarded two free throws, so much objection was voiced by the boys, another throw was given as a penalty for that. And when Jean made all three tosses good, the score was five points in one jump sum.

It is possible but not probable that Schmeling and Galento were mixed up in "fixed fights" with heavyweight Harry Thomas as the latter now claims. The lure of gold has been responsible for many queer things in sport, and the fight game is not without suspicious features. But this attempt to besmirch other fighters is not very creditable for Thomas. He wants us to believe he took the KO by pre-arrangement.

The championship game between the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and the Ottawa Rough Riders proved to be one of the most exciting contests in years. It was well handled by the radio experts, the details coming over the air in a form that was digestible by those who know nothing about the intricate game. And when our western team came out of the fray with the one point needed to win, it looked as big as a telephone pole. The win spread much joy over western Canada.

But sadness fell on Winnipeg when the news came that Billy Marquart on Friday received a kayo in his bout with Low Jenkins in New York. The Winnipeg boy who seemed destined for the lightweight title received a setback in his aspirations.

### HOME SAFETY

"Home safety is a problem that must be solved by women. We can look to legislation for very little help. Manufacturers are doing their part in designing safe equipment, but the real problem concerns itself with how we use that equipment and how we shall conduct ourselves when no equipment is involved. There is a real challenge to home makers—an opportunity for each to be a safety engineer within her home and for her family. We can select that equipment and those gadgets that can be used with safety. We can keep our tools in order and we can realize that good housekeeping is essential to safety. Every woman is a home maker. The difficulty in the problem lies in the fact that each woman thinks accidents are something that happen to others, not to her.

"An industry employs a safety engineer. It is his job to see that all equipment is in order. More important, he plans for safety procedure. He analyses the processes and decides what things can be done to promote safety for everybody. It is his job to educate his men in safety and to see that his instructions are carried out.

"We can do much this same work in our homes. We plan for safe living. Mother should teach Johnny to put his toys away when he has finished his play. She can insist that her children learn how to consider the consequences of his habits and how to help plan what is to be done with the toys. Children like responsibility and will grow in it, if you, his mother, will help growth. It may be at times that discipline is needed, but safety in our homes is worth our efforts."—Mary May Wyman.

White Silks—To keep white silk stockings, blouses, etc., from turning yellow in laundering, use a little alcohol in the rinse water.

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To whom it may concern—I hereby retract any statements made by me in regard to theft of gasoline from me by J. Poole.

Ernest Johns

## IRMA Y.P.U.

The last meeting of the Y.P.U. was held in the United Church on the evening of December 14th. The meeting was a great success and was wholly enjoyed by all present. The Christian citizenship group was in charge, under the leadership of Bob Simmermon.

The devotional part of the meeting was opened by the singing of a hymn and it was followed by the scripture reading given by Harold Barker. The prayer was given by Rev. E. Longmire and the topic for the evening was given by Marian Longmire on "New Resolutions."

The business meeting was opened by the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Plans were made by the young people to help some of the less fortunate this Christmas.

The program was opened by a singing and then an open discussion followed on citizenship. A song by Vera Simmermon and Hilda Klassen, accompanied on the guitar by the latter, was greatly enjoyed. A reading was then given by Stella Arnold.

The young people then adjourned to the basement where all joined in a new type of Olympic games. Later lunch was served by the group in charge.

The next meeting of the Y.P.U. will be held on January 11 with the missions group in charge, under the leadership of Ruth Reeds. All young people in the district are cordially invited.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Irma Ladies Aid was held in the Church on Thursday afternoon, December 14. Mrs. Smallwood presided for the opening exercises. The books showed a good financial standing and were looking forward to doing a lot toward finishing the work begun on the manse last year.

Rev. Mr. Longmire gave a splendid Christmas message and took charge of the election of officers for 1940. The following were elected: pres., Mrs. G. Tripp; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. M. Arnold; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. I. S. Reeds; treas., Mrs. A. H. Locke; sec., Mrs. E. W. Carter; financial committee, Mrs. Smallwood, Mrs. Osterhout, and Mrs. Erickson. The next regular meeting will be held at the manse with Mrs. McKay to give the message for the new year.

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## Population And Perspective

The present trend in the direction of declining populations in many countries of the world, and particularly in the civilized democracies has been the subject recently of a note of alarm on the part of a good many authorities.

The alarmists, among other things, have pointed out that in this trend there is a danger of the more civilized nations being ultimately overwhelmed and subjugated by nations who are more interested in warfare than in culture, who consider it more important to have on hand a large supply of fighting men than a smaller number of people devoted to arts of peace and commerce.

Whether or not the visions of these prophets are destined to be realized sooner or later is a matter of interesting speculation and, if so, when the debacle of the democracies from this cause is likely to be precipitated.

The direful forebodings of these prophets of war are invariably based on the assumption that numbers mean everything and quality means little or nothing. They do not take into account the possibility that a comparatively small number of well educated, highly scientific, freedom-loving people with the initiative that is the inevitable concomitant of freedom may be worth, in physical combat, a numerically greater force which has been subjected to tyrannical rule, which has been given no opportunity for self-expression and which knows not enlightenment.

Nor do these seers of pending disaster take into serious consideration the greater effectiveness of highly developed weapons of defence in the hands of those nurtured under the beneficence of a democratic regime compared with the machinery of offensive warfare wielded by groups who have been regimented under the heels of oppressors and who have been taught blind obedience to the orders of the "all-high."

### Some Good Things

Whatever may be the outcome of this trend towards depopulation in the more enlightened and cultured nations of the world, with a concurrent rise in population in countries where the populace is more ignorant and has little or no liberty, it is interesting to note that there are some good things in store eventually for those democracies with dwindling populations, if Josiah Cox Russell, Assistant Professor of History at the University of California is correct in his assumptions.

Basing his conclusions on historic studies dating back as far as A.D. 200, Professor Russell reaches a decision that if population continues to decline we may ultimately expect, among other things, simplification of government, a tendency among the reduced populations to lose the success and prosperity motifs and to admire simpler virtues.

Whatever may be thought of the value, or otherwise, of a loss of what Professor Russell terms "the success and prosperity motifs", there can be no doubt that a return to some of the simpler virtues and to a reduction of government would be welcomed by very many who, to-day, believe that we are over-governed and that the complexity of present day life is not necessarily conducive to the highest physical and moral health or even the maximum of happiness.

There are those who believe that the simpler life led by our forebears was productive of greater moral fibre and of more happiness than are to be found among the great rank and file of the people of to-day. There are others, of course, who espouse the opposite viewpoint, but the premise, on either side, is open to debate.

### Also Debatable

It may be a debatable question, too, whether or not Prof. Russell is correct in his opinion that a dwindling population will of necessity mean simple virtues and the loss of the prosperity motif, simply because it has done so in the past. Conditions have changed so much since medieval days, and with changed conditions incentives have changed, that the result of a declining population in this day of development of scientific achievement, may be entirely different to that anticipated by the savant.

One result of declining population which Professor Russell foresees is one which will be hailed with approval by the great majority of the peoples inhabiting the democratic countries and this is his belief that "a less belligerent and probably more humane world" may be expected.

Before these beneficial objectives are to be achieved, however, there is to be a transitional period, according to the learned professor, when life will not be too pleasant, for, he says: "At first the life produced by a fall of population and consequent depression are apt to bring a very large amount of government interference as a remedy for its troubles."

Whether or not this "large amount of government interference" during the transitional period is going to give way ultimately to his predicted simplification of government as a result of revolt because of the cost of so much government or because so much government is going to jeopardize the liberties of the people, Professor Russell does not reveal.

That also, however, is an interesting topic for cogitation and speculation.

### A Queer Custom

A raven is kept at Mersburg castle, near Halle, Germany, as a reminder of a grave injustice. Many years ago, a servant was executed for the theft of a valuable ring belonging to the Bishop Thilo of Trotha. The ring actually had been stolen by a raven. When one bird dies, another is placed in its stead immediately.

### Travels Fast Now

When John Coughlin, 67-year-old Vancouver shipbuilder, made reservations to fly to Montreal, Trans-Canada Air Lines officials said he was the oldest person ever to make the flight. When Coughlin settled in Vancouver, there were no trans-continental railroads and it took him months to reach the coast from the east. This time, he was in a hurry.

English coins first were dated during the reign of Edward VI.

### Polish Railway Lines

The official gazette publishes a decree providing for incorporation of Polish state railways into the German railway administration. The decree further authorizes the Reich's minister of communication to assume control of all lines in conquered Polish territory hitherto operated independent of the Polish state.

### Job For Soldiers

Soldiers are going to have to wash such personal issues as socks, shirts, towels and underwear, or pay for having them washed. Articles that may be washed at public expense are overalls, service trousers and service shirts and also certain articles of bedding.

Japan does not decorate its soldiers for bravery in action.

The puffin, a bird of the far north, flies under water.

## With Colors Flying

### The Rawalpindi Has Place Among Great Britain's Immortal Ships

Saying that the account given by the 11 survivors is subject to correction, the British Admiralty adds: "It is, however, sufficient to show that the Rawalpindi made a most gallant fight against overwhelming odds and went down with her colors flying." That is the official epitaph. The words may seem too cold, cautious and colorless to describe an action that adds new glory to the British sea service, that links the modern liner with the immortal Revenge and that assures her a place for all time in the glorious history of His Majesty's Navy. They represent, however, the judgment of men accustomed by tradition to expect gallantry and to note it almost as a matter of routine. When the heads of the silent service say a fight was "most gallant", the words are worth all the superlatives we could use.

We may, however, recall the facts. The Rawalpindi was a passenger vessel, armed for service as a cruiser, but unfit to cope with a modern man of war. She was manned by merchant seamen, volunteers, reservists and pensioners. Her duty was to patrol dangerous waters in search of enemy cargo vessels. Night and day, in storm and in calm, she was at her task: with the knowledge that Germany's pocket battleships were at sea and that one of them, the Deutschland, was in the North Atlantic. He caught by the Deutschland was to be sunk as the captain and the crew knew.

The day came when the pocket battleship, one of the most powerful fighting machines afloat, came in sight. Captain Kennedy looked at her through his glasses. "It's the Deutschland all right," he said. He changed course to try and escape. Another enemy vessel came up on the other side. There was no escape. To strike his colors would have meant that the enemy would have had another vessel to use as a commerce raider. It would too, have been contrary to the tradition of the British navy. He did not think of it.

The enemy fired, emptying his mighty guns on the unarmed vessel. The captain replied with his puny broadside. His bridge was carried away, his electric light system was smashed, his ammunition supply was cut off but his men continued the battle. Bored by fire on both sides, their ship ablaze, they fought till every gun was put out of action. Then, when their ship was doomed and they were powerless, they took to the boats. And then the Rawalpindi went down, with her colors flying.

That is the story. It is a great story, one to thrill everyone whose blood quickens at a tale of gallantry. It is one to which no words of ours can do justice. In other days a Tennyson or a Kipling might have made it immortal, and in days to come someone worthy may sing it. In the records of the British navy it will go down as a "most gallant fight against overwhelming odds." And the Rawalpindi will be added to the list of ships that have gone down "with colors flying."

## Plenty Of Banknotes

### Canada Has More In Circulation Now Than Ever Before

Money is plentiful in Canada to-day and possibly never before has there been so many banknotes in the pockets of the people, in office tills and safes and in the proverbial sock.

The monthly summary of the Bank of Canada placed the daily average active note circulation of the Bank of Canada and chartered bank notes at \$251,000,000 for October.

The average has jumped \$44,000,000 since August when it was \$207,000,000, and in October a year ago it was \$220,000,000, with the average for 1938 being \$205,000,000. These figures do not include banknotes in possession of the chartered banks.

Financial experts at Ottawa emphasize that this increase does not indicate inflation. The huge wheat crop brought large amounts of money into circulation, it was explained, and payment to troops on active service contributed to putting additional sums into the hands of the public. Slight increase in commodity prices also assisted in producing the upswing.

The Bank of Canada figures do not include United States currency in circulation in Canada and with the Canadian dollar at a discount, U.S. dollars normally in Canada have returned across the border and Canadian banknotes have taken their place. This is another factor entering into the increase.

Of the \$251,000,000 in circulation in October, \$154,000,000 were Bank of Canada notes and the balance notes of the chartered banks. The increase in note circulation was largely responsible for the steady increase in the total liabilities and assets of the Bank of Canada since Canada entered the war.

## Rhodes Scholars

### Usual Appointments Will Be Made In January

Under special wartime regulations, 10 Canadian Rhodes scholars will be selected in January, 1940. It was announced by P. T. Michener, general secretary for Canada of the Rhodes Scholarship trust.

Selection of Rhodes scholars was temporarily suspended last September because of the war, but it has now been decided that the usual appointments will be made—two each in Ontario and Quebec and one each in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan.

Except in special cases, all scholarships to which elections are made in wartime will be suspended until after the war. Scholars-elect desiring to go to Oxford during the war may be given special permission. Medical students and researchers are among those most likely to be given permission.

## SELECTED RECIPES

### MARBLE CUP CAKES

2 cups sifted Swans Down Cake Flour  
2 teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder  
1/2 cup milk  
1/2 cup butter or other shortening  
1 cup sugar  
2 eggs, unbeaten  
1/2 cup milk  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
2 tablespoons molasses  
Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three or four times. Add sugar, cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating thoroughly after each. Add flour alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition. To one part, add spices and molasses. Put mixtures alternately by teaspoons into greased cupcake pans, filling them 2/3 full. Bake in moderate oven (375 degrees F.) 25 minutes. Makes 18 large cup cakes.

### GRAPE-NUTS RAISIN COOKIES

2 cups sifted Swans Down Cake Flour  
2 teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder  
1/2 cup milk  
1/2 cup butter or other shortening  
1 cup sugar  
1 egg, unbeaten  
1/2 cup finely cut raisins  
6 tablespoons milk  
1 cup grape-nuts  
Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add egg and beat thoroughly. Then raisins and well. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating well after each addition. Add grape-nuts. Drop from teaspoon on greased baking sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 20 minutes, or until done. Makes four dozen medium cookies.

"But your wife said she'd forgive and forget."

"Yes. She's forgotten she'd forgiven."

Tanganyika territory, Africa, a British possession, has an area of 380,000 square miles and a coast line of 450 miles.

Germany has 17,000,000 cyclists; France 7,500,000.

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## Health Project

### Will Hold Nutrition Classes In Schools In Toronto

A health project is under way in Toronto which may prove of national value. It is an organized effort to make women nutrition-conscious as a war-time measure and if the plan is successful at Toronto, it will likely be used as a guide for similar projects throughout the Dominion.

Briefly, the scheme is to hold nutrition classes in public schools that have household science equipment. Sponsored by the Health League of Canada, it has the co-operation of a large group of influential women's organizations. Domestic science instructors have agreed to contribute their services and a comprehensive syllabus is in preparation to cover a course of six demonstrations.

The classes are to start the end of January and are to be preceded by popular district lectures in College Institutes. Arrangements have been completed to have these lectures given by outstanding experts in nutrition.

## Forgot Their Furs

### Material For Arctic Explorers' Boots Left Behind At Boston

Slay-at-homes pressed efforts to keep the adventurers in the United States Antarctic expedition from getting cold feet.

Three hundred pounds of furs for the explorers' boots were left behind when the expedition's two vessels sailed from Boston. Representatives of the expedition's leader, Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd, found them and, recalling Byrd's comment about Antarctica that "for every man who freezes his hands, there are 25 who freeze their feet," they began attempts to deliver the furs.

Their first hope was to put them on a plane and catch the expedition ship Bear at Norfolk, Va. If they were unable to get a plane in time, the furs will go by railway to Panama, the Bear's next stop after Norfolk.

### Was Too Kind-Hearted

When kind-hearted Gunner Varfeld, truck farmer of Duval, Sask., befriended a pair of deer several years ago by feeding them cabbage, they stuck around like hungry relatives. Driven to despair this fall by the herd of fifteen sprung from the original pair, Varfeld tried to drive them away by burning their hides with cartridges loaded with salt. But they only ran to him for protection and petting.

Mahogany is logged on nearly every one of the major islands of the Philippine Archipelago.

Clams and oysters contain 200 times as much iodine as beefsteak.

## British Merchant Seamen

### Winning Of The War Depends Largely On Brave Skippers

It is on the masters of British merchant ships, more than on any other group or service, that the winning or losing of this war depends, a naval officer wrote in a statement released by the national defence department in appreciation of British merchant seamen.

"They are products of the breeding and tradition of centuries and are trained in the longest and hardest school of any profession in the world," said the naval officer of British merchant skippers. From boyhood their life is one of responsibility, discomfort, hardship and danger.

"In wartime there is added the imminence of sudden death from torpedoes, gunfire, mines and aerial bombs," said the naval officer. "From them their countrymen may well take courage, and in them their enemies would do well to recognize a solid bulwark that admits of no defeat."

Great Britain has 250 separate police forces, but one-third of the entire police personnel is in the Metropolitan police force of London.

Brunettes are said to be more resistant to septic infections than blondes and redheads.

The United States contains more Japanese than Chinese inhabitants.

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## BIBLES FOR BRITISH SOLDIERS



More than 30,000 Bibles, each containing a message from King George VI, are being printed for the British fighting services. The Bibles will have covers of three different colours, khaki for the soldiers, light blue for the air force, and dark blue for the sailors.

## British Brotherhood On The March United And Ready To Face The Test

Not even in 1914-18 was there engendered such a sense of unity among the far-flung British peoples as exists to-day. It is the rock against which the arrogant Nazi challenge will ultimately break.

As an illustration, the pleasant and unique little ceremony at Rideau Hall, when Hon. J. V. Fairbairn, Minister-Designate for Air in the Australian Government, was administered the oath of office in the presence of the Governor-General of Canada, by the Chief Justice of Canada, Sir Lyman Duff. Mr. Fairbairn is in Ottawa as chief of the Australian representation in the air training discussions and the ceremony was arranged by Lord Tweedsmuir at the cabled request of Lord Gowrie, Governor-General of Australia, who explained that it was desired that the new Australian cabinet be fully constituted without delay. As it was the first time a member of a British government had been sworn into office by officials of a sister dominion the occasion was described as "historic". In the present circumstances the word seems pale beside the significance of the event. The incident was one more indication that the British brotherhood is on the march, united and ready to face the testing years ahead.

So extraordinary a thing is the British Empire, so flexible in its unity, so unlike anything else in government that history or the world has known, it just goes along adapting itself to needs, making its own precedents.

Constitutionalists, spinning their theories, say "you can't do that." The British Empire proceeds to do it. It proceeds to do things which no Empire of the past ever thought of doing, and which most students of government, even a generation ago, would have held to be impossible.

"Many people find this hard to understand. When they seek to grasp such things as the divisibility of the Crown they get an intellectual headache or a feeling of mysticism, as though they were trying to dissect the Athanasian Creed. Yet the fact is there. The fact of the British Empire, held together by no particular bonds, nor by anything written on parchment, yet united by something which, inadequate perhaps, is stronger than bands of steel.

The British Empire is just an act of faith. It is the practical expression, as it is the mighty vindication, of man's faith in liberty; of his conviction, resting upon experience, that in freedom, in free co-operation for the best of human aspirations, lies the hope of mankind.

That is why, two years ago, men of all races and creeds and tongues travelled from a quarter of the earth's surface to the Coronation of a British King. They did not go to give homage to a man, or to a great warrior or ruler. They offered a tribute, such as history had not known, to an institution. And that is why to-day men come from the ends of the earth, from across all the seas, to Old England's side. It is the tale of their act of faith. The harvest of freedom.—Ottawa Journal.

### Want U.S. Ambassador

Member Of Congress Would Raise Status Of Legation At Ottawa

A suggestion that the United States Legation at Ottawa be raised to the grade of an embassy and that an ambassador be named to the Dominion of Canada was made by Foster Stearns, Republican member of Congress for New Hampshire, and a member of the House foreign relations committee.

"Canada is our most important neighbor," he said in an interview. "Relations have always been important and extensive but now we may expect there will be a wide assortment of new problems related to trade as a result of the war."

"In spite of this added importance of the relations between the two countries, the only United States representative at Ottawa is a charge d'affaires. We send ambassadors to a number of countries whose relations with the United States are less important than those with Canada."

### When Tire Blows Out

Traffic experts agree that the safest procedure in the event of a tire blowing out is to let the car coast in high gear until the car has slowed down to 30 miles an hour or less, then, and not before, should the brakes be slowly applied.

Owls can shut out noise when they want to do so. They have flaps of skin to close their ears.

### Uniforms Are Different

Change For Soldiers But Style For Nurses Remains The Same

It's the men who are changing their battle dress this war—the women will wear the same style of uniforms worn 26 years ago.

The soldiers have discarded their buttons, puttees and Sam Brown belts and even changed the cut of their trousers, but the nurses have just shortened their skirts, tilted their hats at a jaunty angle and pushed their veils back further on their heads.

Veteran soldier-patients broke into war reminiscences when they viewed the blue-uniformed figures of the young nurses who will tend the first overseas Canadian division.

The service uniforms are in the same old-blue cotton as last time, in two-piece style with six small shiny brass buttons on each side of the tight-fitting bodice and they still have the starched white collars and cuffs.

But the headgear will be more feminine. The severe white line of the stiff white organza veils across the brow will be relieved by soft waves or curls.

The strings of their white aprons worn over the uniform pass through shoulder bands, marked with two "pipes" to denote their rank of lieutenant, to tie at the back. The nursing supervisor has three "pipes" on her shoulder for her rank is equivalent to a captain.

On the streets in Toronto, where 46 nurses are in training at M.D. No. 2, they cut a neat pattern in their navy blue belted uniforms and their shallow soft-brimmed sports hats turned up at the back and down at the front. Their oxford gloves and stockings are brown in tone, carrying out the army tradition. They will have large navy envelope-styled bags to carry enough fobies for an overnight trip when their wardrobe is complete, but most of their belongings will be packed in a trunk and a baggage bag.

There will be a recreation uniform for the nurses too but it has not arrived yet. It will be a three-piece navy blue woolen suit worn with a sky blue blouse and a navy tie. This uniform is to be worn at all formal functions, including dances, teas and dinners and always with the addition of the white veil.

### Ancestors Were Imported

But The Buffalo Of To-Day Is A True Canadian

Nothing was ever as truly Canadian—not even ice hockey, the quints or right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King—as the buffalo.

This sturdy animal, which every one, in the movies at least, has seen, was a sort of symbol of ruggedness, a mighty physical adjunct (or rug) as well as pemmican. To the spiritual qualities of the hardy pioneer who preceded the development of the prairie west and the wheat problem. The buffalo now stands guard in bronze at legislative buildings, glowers majestically in zoo odd recalls greater and more noble days. But his life of freedom is past. His life is between fences and he is even killed by modern butcher efficiency, where once he was game for the Indian's arrow.

Something about the buffalo is recalled by the decision of the Dominion government to dispose of the large herd at Wainwright reserve. This Wainwright venture saved the buffalo from extinction, and thousands of the noble beasts roam there and in other national reserves. But there is not enough land at Wainwright and the crowding problem has become acute in other reserves.

Speaking about this, the Calgary Herald recalls a bit of history that, in the interests of fervid patriotism, it is perhaps just as well to overlook. For in 1900 there was not a single wild buffalo left in Western Canada. In 1907 the Dominion government, led at that time by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, seized an opportunity to purchase the sole remaining herd of any size on the continent. Seven hundred of the animals were in Montana, and their owner, a half-breed named Michael Pablo, agreed to sell them to Canada. The started Wainwright, and the increase of our buffalo population. It is no slight on the buffalo of to-day that his ancestors were imported. He had been an exile. He was more than welcomed back.—Hamilton Spectator.

She (tearfully): You used to say there was no one in the world like me.

He (brutally): Yes, and now I hope there isn't.

### Unity Of Purpose

The Continuance And Existence Of Our Nation Is At Stake

Mr. Tom Uphill, Labor member for Fernie, has given the Legislature his formula for a simple working patriotism in time of war. He believes, he says, in this oft-quoted toast:

"My country! May it always be right, but my country, right or wrong."

There is no better definition than that, and no other that will work. For, once we have gone to war, putting our very existence and continuance as a nation to the arbitrament of arms, then a bridge has been crossed and a bridge has been burned behind us. There is no time after that for some of the luxuries of peace.

There is no time for a great deal of argument. There is no time for anybody who is going to get in the way. If you are not with your country when she is at war, then you are against her. If you think you can be neutral in your own country, when your country is at war, you can never have read any history.—Vancouver Province.

### By-Products Of Fish

Latest Synthetic Substances Are Fish Wool And Albumen

Fish almost rival coal for variety of by-products. The offal from first-class "eating" fish is converted into sautinas, glues and ink. From the livers of dogfish, cod and halibut oil is extracted which is rich in vitamins. Large quantities of good quality fish are sent to fishmeal factories, where they are converted into feeding stuffs for pigs and chickens. Fish of a lower grade go to be made into fertilizers. The latest synthetic substances obtained from fish are fish wool and albumen.—Maclean's Magazine.

When an insect alights on the pollen chamber of flowers belonging to the nightshade family, the pollen bag compresses and blows out the pollen.

### Case Of The Arabs

British Friendship Won Their Liberation And Prosperity

M. Alexander Riachi, a well known Arab writer, has broadcast an answer to the clumsy attempts by the Berlin wireless to turn the friendship of Arabs and separate them from France and Great Britain, writes our Beirut correspondent.

Mr. Riachi said that Arabs well remembered how the Kaiser sought Arab-Moslem friendship when visiting Syria and making an alliance with Sultan Abdul Hamid. When the Great War broke out and the German military became the real masters in Syria, German friendship to Arabs was tested, and resulted only in famine throughout the whole country and the execution of Arab leaders, while, on the other hand, British friendship to King Hussein won for the Arabs their liberation and prosperity.—London Times.

### Canadian Books

Quality Only Will Tend To Stimulate Interest In Work Of Authors

The Canadian Authors' Association, through its vigorous propaganda and sales methods, has stirred many Canadian readers to an interest in the work of Canadian writers, but still it has to be admitted that this country has not yet produced many novelists of the first class. The writers must do more on their own account. No one should be expected to buy a novel or a poem simply because it happens to be written by a Canadian. In the last analysis everything depends on the calibre of output.—Calgary Herald.

Birds leave their winter homes and travel northward in spring because of some warming within. Weather has nothing to do with it, except in the cases of some geese and ducks.

In India, a shoe frequently worn by the lower classes consists of a flat board, with a knob which slips between the first and second toes.

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There is no Alice Brooks pattern book published

## The Duty Of Farmers To Grow Products That Are Most Suitable For The Allies

### Farmers Have Right Idea

When They Help A Neighbor They Do Not Expect Pay

There was a story in The St. Thomas Times-Journal about a farmer who was taken to the hospital to undergo an operation. It was at a time when he had not completed his fall plowing, and everything was left at a standstill.

Perhaps the man may have wondered at times what he was going to do about it as the season was late. When he finally reached home he found his plowing attended to. We read there were a dozen teams and plowmen from the district; they just came over and attended to the business.

Would they expect anything for their work? The answer would be a decided no. They were doing what they knew would be done for them under like circumstances.

We quite well realize it was not a great thing as such events are catalogued to-day; there was no parade and no propaganda; there was no banquet and no speech-making.

Just the same those farmer folk had the big idea in life. They had a good clean motive to begin with—they wanted to help some person outside the boundaries of their own land. They didn't want to make a cent out of another man's misfortune.

When one stops to think the thing through they had the way of life and of living which would cure a good deal of the cancer which bothers this old world to-day.

It has often been done in the country all over Canada, and will be done again in the future. The pity seems to be in fact it is—that the world and its people and its rulers and its people in high places have not yet seen the wisdom of doing what these farmers did when they hitched up and did the plowing for a neighbor who had gone to the hospital.—Peterborough Examiner.

### Federation Of Supplies

Idea Is Suggested As One Way To Outlaw War

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Liberal leader, suggested the Allies issue a revised version of the declaration of the Rights of Man as a criterion for the peace negotiators after the war.

In a speech at Oxford, Sir Archibald said the principle of a "federation of supplies for the world's raw materials was an 'obvious and indeed indispensable line of approach towards outlawing war.'"

"But whether along these lines of federation, as I believe, or in some other way, we must resolve to apply with firmness and tenacity the future ordering of the world's principles and the covenant of the League of Nations," the Liberal leader said.

"It is impossible at this stage of the war to make statements about war aims in terms of boundaries or political considerations. What should be done should be to produce a specific principle of the broad principles on which our public and social life ought to be based and to ask for its acceptance as the fundamental law of the civilized world."

"A revised version of the declaration of the Rights of Man would be in the tradition of the struggle for freedom in Europe and America and would be a criterion by which the work of the peace negotiators would at every stage be tested."

### Refugee Problem

Britain Asks Assistance From Canada In Dealing With Matter

Lack of funds and outbreak of war have been a handicap in resettling European refugees but the work still is going forward, according to Lord Marley, deputy speaker of the House of Lords and member of the parliamentary committee on refugees.

"Canada can offer its most helpful contribution to Great Britain at present by assisting in the re-education of refugees who now are in transit in the British Isles," Lord Marley said, discussing the refugee problem in an address at the People's Forum at Montreal.

Two main centres were being considered in placing the refugees—the Philippine Islands and the Dominican Republic.

There are approximately 45,000 enemy alien refugees in England at present, Lord Marley said, and only 1,000 to 1,500 of these have been interned. This, he described as "a remarkably low percentage."

The entrance hole of a wren house should be the size of a 25-cent piece.

Dr. E. S. Archibald, director, Dominion Experimental Farms and a member of the Agricultural Supplies Committee in an address to the members of the Rotary Club of Ottawa, entitled "Effects of War Upon Canadian Agriculture," gave an outline of some of the effects the Great War of 1914-18 had upon the basic industry of the Dominion and the opportunity in the present war to profit by the mistakes that were made during that period.

He explained that what it is now the duty of all Canadian farmers to produce products most required for the Allies and the Canadian market, quality should be the dominating consideration. Care must constantly be observed to see that soils are not depleted, that markets are not glutted, that buying power is not diminished, so that at the end of the war agriculture will be so established, that Canadian products will have an enviable place on the world's markets because of their quality; also that a continuity of supply will be assured. If these things are home in mind agriculture can serve Canada and the Allies better in this war than the last, and will also be in a position to serve the Dominion better when peace comes.

Conditions in the last war were vastly different, so far as agriculture was concerned, from what they are in this one. There were no huge supplies of foodstuffs in 1914 and practically anything could be sold. Production was over stimulated and quality was neglected. Canada went into the war with a fair reputation for her bacon and at the end of the conflict the reputation for this product was low. Soils were abused; lands were opened to settlement that should not have been. When the drought came in 1930 and continued for several years the fireless soils were easily blown away by high winds and the problem of Prairie Farm Rehabilitation was accentuated.

When war broke out last September, farm buying power in Canada was low, and agriculture was not in a happy position. Great Britain is well organized to buy foodstuffs and has declared that she will give preference in her buying of certain products.

Just what these products will be, nor what volume they will be required, except that Canadian bacon and Canadian cheese will be necessary in substantial quantities. When it is known just what products the needs of the war will demand, farmers in Canada should be prepared to supply them. There are opportunities in suitable areas for increased fax production, also for soybeans, to mention only two. As a result of experiments and research work done by the Dominion Experimental Farms, the Ontario Agricultural College and other agencies, varieties of soybeans suitable to different parts of Canada can now be produced in large quantities.

Dr. Archibald explained that there is a wide range of uses for soybeans in industry apart from their value as feed for livestock. In whatever direction the efforts of the farmers of Canada may be directed to help in the war, it should be linked with a program that has for its object better agriculture on a basis that will require little, if any, readjustment when peace comes.

### Forward Mail

System By Which Letters May Be Sent To Enemy Countries

Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of justice and acting secretary of state, and Postmaster General C. G. Power announced that Thomas Cook and Son, Ltd., 68 King St., Toronto, have been appointed licensed intermediary for the forwarding of harmless social messages to persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory.

British subjects and others in Canada wishing to communicate with relatives or friends in enemy or enemy-occupied countries should forward such letters to Thomas Cook and Son, accompanied by a remittance of 50 cents to cover expenses of transmitting the letter to a neutral country, the transmission from there to the enemy territory, and the transmission of the reply to the sender in Canada.

Benjamin Franklin never requested nor received a patent for any of his inventions or discoveries, although he is ranked as the greatest inventive genius of his age.

When trans-Atlantic cables are raised for repairs, tons of oysters are found clinging to them.

## Season's Greetings

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## Minutes of Monthly Meeting M.D. of Buffalo Coulee

Council meeting was held in Saulteaux school with Mrs. Wear, Phoebe, Ramsay, Donenworth, Dew and Curney present, and reeve Phoebe in the chair.

S. McMinis was present to discuss payment of his 1937 seed grain. Cr. Ramsay ord. that he be allowed to work off seed grain indebtedness, same to be charged to general account.

It was pointed out that section 16-49-4 had been fenced for pasture in May of this year and that Wild Lands tax should not have been charged. Cr. Dew carried that same be cancelled.

Harvey Robertson was present and agreed to \$100 on his taxes immediately and the balance of consolidation this year if possible.

Chris Bauer was present and offered \$20 as rent for NW 4-49-8-4. Cr. Dew carried that offer be accepted for 1939 and also for 1940.

Cr. Wear carried that W. J. Polard be paid the sum of \$25 for land taken off the N 1/4 3-47-7-4 as per roads plan No. 8994.

Arthur Emmott seizure considered. Mr. Emmott was present and after some discussion a motion was carried that a truck be sent to haul sufficient grain to the elevator to pay the amount of seizure and the cost of hauling. It was left with the reeve to make the necessary arrangements.

A letter was read from the pension board advising that H. G. Prothro had lodged an appeal against the pension of \$15 awarded him. Cr. Dew carried that full pension be recommended.

An application was presented from Frank Ambler to lease the W 1/4 6-49-8-4 and pay the taxes as rent. Cr. Dew carried that offer be accepted provided release is obtained from J. E. Jackson.

The secretary was instructed to write to Wm. Wright and advise that the amount of his seizure must be paid. Cr. Dew agreed to interview R. Fielding.

Cr. Ramsay carried that the annual gateways meeting be held at Saulteaux school on the 3rd Saturday in Feb., or the 17th.

Cr. Ramsay tendered his resignation of his seat on the council, to be effective on December 1st. After some discussion and delay Cr. Wear carried that no action be taken.

The new assessment was considered and discussed, also procedure at Court of Revision.

FAREWELL NOTE FROM JAMES SHARKEY

Hello Folks:

Was passing through town so I thought I would drop a few lines. Well I guess this will be the last time I will be able to see Irma, so I want to say hello and goodbye to everyone there. I am writing this on the train and it sure is wobbly. Well I wish everyone there a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

James Sharkey.

The above is a copy of a note written by Pte. James Sharkey and tied around an apple and dropped off the troop train last Friday evening as it flew past the Irma depot. The finder was asked to give it to the local news reporter for the Irma Times. Thanks, Jimmie; bon voyage.

Blending Fruit Juices—Grapefruit juice blends well with pineapple and raspberries. This combination is good served as a cocktail or partially frozen for dessert.

To Hasten Cooking—When using a double boiler the food will cook more quickly if the water in the outer vessel is salted in the proportion of a fourth of a cup of salt to one quart of water.

A small waikand brings results. Try it when you have something to sell, trade or swap that somebody else wants.

The biggest issue of all is the unity of Canada.—Hon. Frank L. Connors.

## LOCALS

The high school report for the term ending December 22nd is being sent to the parents. It shall not appear in the Times.

Viron Worthing has returned to Honda after a brief visit among relatives in this district.

Mrs. R. T. Dykes of Edmonton spent the week-end with Irma relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Peterson are leaving Friday of this week for a visit with friends at Carstairs Alta.

December 20, 1939, the slipperiest day in Irma.

Mr. Bruce Hudlow spent last Sunday at his home here. Mr. Hudlow returned to Edmonton on Monday where he has a position with the C.N.R.

Christmas greetings arrived for Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Sather on December 20 in the form of a baby boy at the Wainwright hospital.

The Irma stores will remain closed from Saturday night to Wednesday morning, December 27th.

Beginning with January 6th, 1940, all stores in Irma will close every Saturday evening at 6 o'clock.

The Irma village council held a regular meeting and tax sale on Dec. 14 when a number of parcels of land were disposed of.

At a meeting of the Irma high school board held last Saturday, the date of January 27 was set for the annual meeting.

The Young People's Luther League of Sharon Lutheran church will be having their usual New Year's program on New Year's eve. Visitors from other leagues have been invited.

We expect to have a happy time together and will watch the New Year in. Lunch will be served. So come all.

To Miss Solveig Steffensen, Irma, student at the Irma high school, goes the honor of winning the Governor General's medal for the highest standing for grade 9 in the 1939 exams in the Wainwright and Provost school divisions. Miss Steffensen made honors in every subject. Messrs. I. S. Reeds and O. P. Larson were the teachers at the Irma high school for that year.

There will be no issue of the Irma Times for Friday, December 29. The next issue will be dated January 5th, 1940.

All the ingenuity possessed by the ordinary human being was required in order to navigate about the streets of Irma on Wednesday. Ed. Sharkey solved the problem by putting on his skates. His example was soon followed by many others. The only accident happening so far was when a light coupe driven by Roger Charlebois with Clarence Carter as a passenger turned crosswise on the highway and proceeded to slide backwards toward the Imperial Lumber Co.'s gate which was broken in two. Exit was made through the lumber shed. No one was hurt and only slight damage done.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services. Sunday, December 24th, 11 a.m., at Strawberry Plains school, the subject: Christmas and the Christ; at Sunny Brae school on December 24th, 2:30 p.m., the subject: The Christ of Christmas in Prophecy; at the home of Mr. Oldham in the Roseberry district on Wednesday night, December 27th, at 8 p.m., and in the Albert school on Thursday night, December 28th, at 8 p.m. These services are conducted by the Rev. Wm. Deverill, the B.C. evangelist.

A jolly surprise party was given for Mr. and Mrs. Jack Peterson last Wednesday evening when a large number of friends dropped in for the evening. A presentation of a host of lovely and useful gifts from their many friends was made by "Santa Claus" for which Mr. and Mrs. Peterson expressed sincere thanks. A few games and contests followed by a sumptuous lunch, and the singing of "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows" brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

FOR SALE—17-28 Twin City tractor in A-1 shape, complete with extension runs. Formerly owned by L. K. King. S. C. Oldham, Irma, Alta.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A shetland pony, two years old. Mrs. M. Chase, phone 812, Irma, Alta.

FOR SALE—One reconditioned Renfrew Washrite washing machine. V. Hutchinson.

Slow Up Baking—If the oven is too hot put a piece of waxed paper under the casserole cover. This will prevent the contents of the casserole baking too quickly.

## Church News

### CHRISTMAS PEACE

As we approach the Christmas season, meant to be to us and to our world a time of goodwill and rejoicing, we do so with a great burden upon our hearts and thick clouds above and about us, for this year we must celebrate Christmas, the coming of the Prince of Peace, under the dire and tragic shadow of war. Great efforts for understanding and peace have been made and many prayers have ascended to God's throne asking that the war clouds might break, that the load of dread and tragedy might be lifted, and that the experience and blessing of goodwill and peace for our people and the world might be born.

With continued and ever increasing hostilities, many are wondering where and when the release will come to us and the reign of goodwill and peace be established. Of one thing we can be very certain, there can be no peace on earth in the scripture meaning of the word, apart from goodwill. We may have the peace of conquest, which is the peace of might on the one hand, and the peace of subjection, servility and fear on the other. We may have the peace of nations and empires tied white with the destruction and sacrifice of war, but all such is not the peace of the first Christmas message. New Testament peace, Christmas peace, is based upon goodwill. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace among men of goodwill," or "peace on earth to men of goodwill." And there can be no true Christmas peace without it.

We have war today because men and nations have willed to trample, oppress and subjugate their neighbors. We have war because of the selfish will, the aggressive will, the conquering will. To be Christian one can have nothing in common with such a will which spreads tragedy and death abroad; but compassion, sympathy, the will to help and the will to sacrifice with and for those who have been made the object of greed and aggression and the targets of war's brutality and death.

Is it possible then that we are altogether floundering in the night and darkness without a ray of hope? Has "the sun of righteousness" been extinguished? Has the "day-spring from on high" been defeated by the might and blackness of war? The answer is "for unto you is born a Saviour."

The Christmas star still leads to Bethlehem just as surely as it did of old, and there are those today who not only hear but respond to and open their hearts to the Christmas message and spirit. Christmas is a perennial symbol of promise and of hope. "Thou shalt call his name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins." Jesus did not close His eyes to the greed and brutality in the world about Him, but uttered His keenest denunciations and judgments against those who practised greed and violence toward others. But after all, Christ's central message and work was and is to save, to rescue, to make whole. Thus today amidst the crash and tragedy of war we take the Bethlehem to find the Christ child and linger at the manger and lingering, there may we find renewed assurance, strength and hope. For our Christmas worship may we renew our covenant with Him and our pledge to promote the Christmas spirit of understanding, goodwill and generosity without which there can be no Christmas peace. Peace which is not simply the condemnation of war or the cessation of hostilities, but the "peace of God which passeth understanding," which is His gift through Christ to every humble, contrite and compassionate heart.

Christmas recalls us to a sense of our responsibility as bearers of good tidings, "which shall be to all people," and the makers and maintainers of goodwill. There is still no other way of bringing real and abiding joy, understanding, peace and security in to the world's life except through the reconciling love of God as revealed in "His unspeakable gift." "Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ." "In the fullness of time God sent forth His Son."—That is part of the Christmas message: the rest is the good tidings that in Christ He reconciles men not only to Himself, but to each other. May we open our hearts to receive and welcome Him. With every good Christmas wish to all our people and friends.

Rev. E. Longmire.

### Women's Institute

The monthly meeting of the Irma W.I. will be held on Thursday, Jan. 4th, 1940, in the Legion hall at 2:30 p.m. Hostesses, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. W. Anderson and Mrs. G. Batchelor.

We extend to all of you, customers and friends, our heartiest and most sincere wishes for

A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

### R. H. STONE

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A Very Merry Christmas

And a HAPPY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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AT THIS TIME WE WISH TO THANK OUR  
MANY FRIENDS FOR THEIR LOYAL SUPPORT  
DURING THE PAST YEAR AND TO

WISH YOU ALL  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and a

PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

### IRMA HARDWARE JACK FLETCHER and STAFF

## New Year's DANCE

Sponsored by Irma Junior Hockey Club

### Keifer's Hall, Irma

### Monday, January 1

at 9 p.m.

NOVELTIES — DECORATIONS

WAINWRIGHT ORCHESTRA

ADMISSION: Gents 50c Ladies 25c



WE EXTEND TO YOU

FRIENDLY GREETINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

AND

WISH YOU JOY AND PROSPERITY

IN THE NEW YEAR

### SATHER'S SUPER SERVICE